



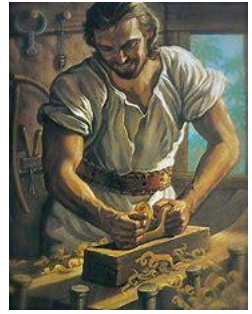
PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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5th Sunday of Easter

† MAY 2ND, 2021 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details
Mon. May 3rd	Private Mass		For Special Intention
Tues. May 4th	Private Mass		For All Students
Wed. May 5th	Private Mass		For Doctors & Nurses
Thurs. May 6th	Private Mass		For All Teachers
Fri. May 7th	Private Mass		For All Volunteers
Sat. May 8th	St. Joseph Church	4:00 pm	For The Lonely
Sun. May 9th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday May 9th	10 am Mass Sunday May 10th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR		
GREETERS		
USHERS		
READERS		
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS		
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy	Deacon Roy
Cleaning of Church	Team	Team
PORTER - OPENS CHURCH	George Quirk	Calvin Gracie

PARISH NEWS.

St. Joseph Graduation Awards

Applicants must be a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish North Sydney, or a child or grandchild of a parishioner.

Due to the parish May 1st.

Name:

Address:

Plans in fall:

Email or mail your interest in the parish award to:

St. Joseph Parish, P.O. Box 338

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Singer at Mass

If there are any singers willing to be a cantor/singer at mass, the Parish would welcome their singing on Saturday or Sunday. The parts of the mass are still said during the pandemic, rather than sung by the congregation, so the singer/cantor only has to sing three songs at each mass: opening, communion and closing. Choirs are not permitted at this time, but one singer and also a separate organist or guitar player is permitted. Please contact the Parish if you are interested in serving and volunteering in this way.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Why is the Christian family called a domestic church?

The Christian family is called the domestic church because the family manifests and lives out the communal and familial nature of the church as the family of God. Each family member, in accord with their own role, exercises the baptismal priesthood and contributes toward making the family a community of grace and of prayer, a school of human and Christian virtue and the place where the faith is first proclaimed to children.

St Vincent De Paul

NORTHSIDE PARTICULAR Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is opening the clothing Depot located in the Sydney Mines Food Bank. The depot will open on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 1 to 3 PM until the end of June 2021. Clothing and small household items are available free of charge to those in need. We continue with the Covid 19 limited numbers at one time, social distancing, as well as masks, hand sanitizing and sign in contact tracing if necessary. The SSVP phone number is 902- 736- 6543. We have an answering machine which is checked often.

Highschool Awards for Students in Need:

<https://horatioalger.ca/en/home/>

Peace, Fr. Doug

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mother of Sorrows Shrine

The gift shop at the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou will open on Saturday, May 1st. The hours and days are as follows:

We look forward to opening the gift shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine on Saturday, May 1st. Hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 pm daily.

On Saturday, May 22nd the hours will be 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Monday to Saturday and 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday.

The Shrine is open daily for visitation as it has been all winter. There is public health protocol in place in both the Shrine and the gift shop.

If you have any inquiries, please call 902-945-2221.

Thank you, Betty Ann

Munro Academy



Munro Academy students learn, grow and thrive in an educational community distinguished by low student-teacher ratios, Christian worldview integration and a distinguished university placement record.

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We would love to provide you with more information - to find out more, please be in touch: info@munroacademy.org

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Tenderness and mercy are the heart of the Gospel. Otherwise, one doesn’t understand Jesus Christ, or the tenderness of the Father who sends Him to listen to us, to cure us, to save us”.

Pope Francis

Community Compassionate Care

Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868

Prevention Through Action – Reporting and healing incidents of abuse or misconduct in our diocese. Rev. Charles Cameron 1-902-863-4373 or email: charleshugh7@gmail.com.

Canada Suicide Prevention Service –

1-833-456-4566 or Text. 45645

Canadian Sport Abuse Help Line: - call/text: 1-888-837-7678

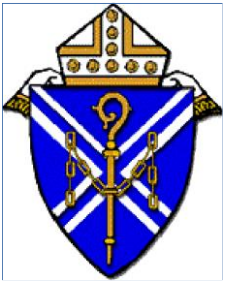
info@abuse-free-sport.ca

Compassionate Community Care – 1-855-675-8749

Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free.

Expectant Mother Fund -diapers, formula, and baby accessories for parents in need. Phone 902 794 3951

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!



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April 28, 2021

My Dear People,

With their third COVID-19 update in two days, Premier Iain Rankin and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Robert Strang announced a province-wide shutdown for the next two weeks effective today.

The directive mandates that there be no in-person faith gatherings in the province for the next two weeks. I support this shutdown and direct that our churches remain closed to the public until further notice. Our diocesan and parish offices will be closed to the public during this time.

The new variants of this pandemic have been spreading rapidly. We need to work together to stop the spread of this virus by staying home and limiting our interaction with others. Our faith is essential to us. Please continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who care for them. As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, we pray that the patron saint and protector of the universal Church and the principal patron saint of Canada will guide us in the path of life. Stay safe and keep well.

Fraternally,

+ *Wayne Kirkpatrick*

(Most Rev.) Wayne Kirkpatrick

Dear Nova Scotia Faith Leaders,

I regret to say that due to rapid progression in the COVID situation in Nova Scotia, at 8 am, April 28th the COVID restrictions were significantly increased across the entire province. Unfortunately, a key prevention step needs to be closing all gatherings, including faith gatherings. I appreciate how challenging this will be for you and your congregations but we are in a very serious situation. I ask for continued prayer for the safety of all Nova Scotians at this time.

Here are further details of the restrictions:

The following restrictions are effective 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, and will remain in effect until at least May 12:

Gatherings, schools and daycare

- Nova Scotians can only gather indoors or outdoors with their household bubble, which is the people they live with
- households of two or less people can socialize with one or two others but they must be the same people for this two-week period
- no unnecessary travel between communities; a community is defined as the municipality where you live - people should stay as close to home as possible when accessing essential or necessary services or products
- all public and private schools are closed
- day cares will remain open, with the focus on providing service to those providing essential services or have no other child-care option; essential workers who need help to access childcare supports can contact ECDSERVICES@Novascotia.ca or call 1-877-223-9555

Masking

- mandatory masking for staff, visitors and children over two years old in indoor child-care settings
- mandatory masking outdoors where physical distancing cannot be maintained, including playgrounds and parks
- in private indoor workplaces such as offices or warehouses, masks are mandatory in all common areas, places where there is interaction with the public, areas with poor ventilation, and areas where distance cannot be maintained

Retail and business

- retail stores are closed for in-person service unless those stores provide services essential to the life, health or personal safety of individuals and animals. These stores can remain open at 25 per cent capacity and include those that provide:
 - food
 - pharmaceutical products, medicine and medical devices
 - personal hygiene products
 - cleaning products
 - baby and child products
 - gas stations and garages
 - computer and cellphone service and repair
 - electronic and office supplies
 - hardware supplies
 - pet and animal supplies.
- restaurants and licensed establishments are closed for dine-in service, but contactless take-out or delivery is allowed
- Nova Scotia Liquor Commission stores can remain open at 25 per cent capacity
- personal services such as hair salons, barber shops and spas are closed
- regulated and unregulated health professions can remain open with an approved COVID-19 plan
- Casino Nova Scotia in Halifax and Sydney and First Nations gaming establishments and VLTs must close

Events, recreation, arts and culture

- wedding and funeral ceremonies can have five people, plus officiants
- no social events, special events, festivals, arts/cultural events, sports events, faith gatherings, wedding receptions, or funeral visitation or receptions
- no meetings or training except mental health and addictions support groups, which can have 10 people with physical distancing and masks
- virtual gatherings and performances can be held with a maximum of five people in one location
- all fitness, recreational and sports facilities are closed
- licensed and unlicensed establishments cannot host activities such as darts, cards, pool and bowling
- indoor fitness facilities like gyms and yoga studios and sport and recreation facilities like pools, arenas, tennis courts and large multipurpose recreation facilities are closed
- businesses and organizations offering a wide variety of indoor recreation activities are closed, such as indoor play areas, arcades, climbing facilities, dance classes and music lessons --outdoor recreation activities, including individual sports, are allowed and encouraged; outdoor fitness and recreation businesses and organized clubs can operate with a maximum of five people and physical distancing
- museums, libraries and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia are closed, but libraries can offer pick-up and drop-off of books and other materials

Long-term care/special care

- there will be no visitors or volunteers allowed inside long-term care facilities except for designated care providers and no visits to the community
- all adult day programs for seniors closed
- all homes licensed by the Department of Community Service under the Homes for Special Care Act cannot have visitors and residents cannot have community access

-- all adult day programs for persons with disabilities funded by the Department of Community Services will be closed except for scheduled vaccine clinics at three of these programs.

People who do not follow the public health measures can be fined. For example, the fine is now \$2,000 for each person at an illegal gathering.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Strang

Chief Medical Officer of Health

Department of Health and Wellness

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